(b) whether Government are aware of threats to the Devoswom; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Inputs regarding the possible threats from terrorist elements to target religious places, vital installations, important buildings, crowded places, mass-transit systems, etc. are received from time to time. However, it is not in the public interest to disclose these facts.

Threat posed by Google Earth

2390. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to frame a concrete strategy to tackle the possible threat posed by Google Earth, which provides easy access to satellite imagery of vital installations across the country;

(b) whether Government had held any meeting in this connection;

(c) if so, the results of these meetings;

(d) whether the Google had assured Government that they would remove the high-resolution pictures of sensitive installation of the country; and

(e) if so, the Google have implemented their assurances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) The Government is aware of images of some vital installations/areas available on the internet through Google search engine and has initiated necessary steps with reference to the matter of hosting of such images on the website.

Grant to Karnataka for digitization of all village maps

2391. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has requested for grants for digitization of all the village maps and microfilming of survey records in the State; and

(b) if so, the details of Centre's response thereto and present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Karnataka has submitted a proposal for digitization of village maps and has requested for Rs.10.20 crores as grants for it. There is no proposal received so far for microfilming of survey records in the State. However, a proposal for Scanning and Preserving Cadastral Survey Records in respect of 163 taluks of Karnataka for Rs.16.78 crores has been sent. Against this, Government of India has released Rs.8.84 crores in January, 2007.